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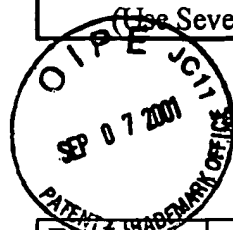
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** George H. HOFFMAN, et al.  
**Title:** SYSTEM, METHOD AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR  
DISTRIBUTOR/SUPPLIER  
SELECTION IN A SUPPLY CHAIN  
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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